

The New Direction Congress:

Making America Safer



9/11 Commission Recommendations

Making America safer was the first order of business for the New Direction Congress. In order to begin this process, Congress passed legislation that implemented the recommendations of the independent 9/11 Commission. This legislation was long overdue, smart approach to ensuring homeland security.

Nearly six years after the terrorist attacks of September 11, the recommendations of the bipartisan report were passed by the New Direction Congress and signed into law. The measure includes:

- ★ Requiring 100% screening of air cargo;
- ★ Requiring 100% screening of cargo containers before they reach U.S. soil;
- ★ Basing anti-terrorism funding to cities and states on risk, not political boundaries;
- ★ Improving emergency communications among first responders;
- ★ Strengthening information sharing with local law enforcement to help prevent potential terrorist attacks; and
- ★ Taking aggressive steps to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.